

D. P. POLLARD, WEALTHY NEGRO FARMER PASSES AWAY

Mr. D. P. Pollard was born in the state of Louisiana about the year, 1855 on the 8th day of March. Came to Texas in boyhood where he spent his entire life. Was married August 5th, 1885 to which wedlock there were born six girls and one boy of whom five girls and the boy survive. He was a successful business man and made comfortable provision for his family. Was especially interested in the educational welfare of his children, giving to each advantage which was happily improved. He joined the Mt. Zion Baptist church about twenty-nine years ago and maintained his faith in that doctrine until his death. The first marriage was broken by death about eighteen years ago and for five years he filled the place of both father and mother and the children learned to rely upon him for everything.

On June 1, 1904 he again entered in wedlock, marrying Miss T. E. Young with whom he has lived until his demise. His death came almost unexpected which was a great shock not only to his family but to the community and his many friends both white and colored.

Until the last moment he tried to console his family by telling them that he would be alright in a few days. However, God has disposed otherwise and the end came without a struggle. He seemed to have only closed his eyes and fallen asleep. And at 12:15, Thursday morning, Jan. 16th his spirit bade farewell to earth.

A Tribute to the Late Dennis Pollard, Who Departed This Life Jan. 16th at His Home Near Wolfe City, Texas.

It has been said that death loveth a shining mark. In the death of this great man, Dennis Pollard, it can truly and justly be said that Fannin County and the race at large have lost one of their most noble men. One whose place will be hard to fill if it ever can be filled. We must again repeat that a great character has fallen for the noble qualities of the heart and mind made him great, yes great in heart, soul and mind. These great qualities were ever gloriously manifested in manifold ways in the varied activities of his most useful life.

It has been said that a prophet hath little honor in his own country, but this noble man proved a great exception to this saying. His undoubted integrity, his lofty and courageous spirit for high deeds and his many noble deeds performed for the welfare of his community, his country and the race at large commanded for him the respect of the whole people regardless of race. His great unselfish services rendered for the general good and his fellowmen caused both white and colored, old and young in his neighborhood and surrounding country to give to him that cordial greeting, respect, and consideration to which he was so richly entitled and richly deserved. Dennis Pollard, so to speak was a great beacon light to his race or as in the way of the world, a great truth could be termed as a city upon a great hill and by these metaphors, light and city, the wonderful significance of a noble thought and grand truth can be obviously seen. By honesty, perseverance, industry, economy, great self sacrifice and judicious management, he had successfully surmounted the many oppositions, difficulties, prejudices and petty jealousness by which he was surrounded in this life and made a most creditable and successful landing upon the topmost rounds in the great ladder of success, prosperity and progress and thus demonstrating the possibility and capability of the Negro to achieve and accomplish great and noble things in his life. His moral excellence and great Christian integrity served also a great light or example that humanity might be led to high grounds of Christian usefulness and he inspired to do noble things for God and humanity. Dennis, as he was so familiarly called by his many friends did not live for himself alone while he loved and amply provided for his dear family and loved ones. He was possessed by nature with a generous loving and sympathetic heart and a very amiable disposition. He was at all times ready and willing to extend a helping hand to those in need and the unfortunate in general. Many homes and scores of men and women, widows and orphans, the aged and decrepit and those in distress and poverty have often received help and relief from their condition and want by this good man and made to go on their way rejoicing. His counsel and wholesome advice was gladly given when sought. There was no enterprise for the public good but what he generously and willingly received his hearty aid and support. There was no need or call of the churches and institutions of religious or educational character but what he cheerfully contributed. There was no charity that he failed to extend needed aid, no call of his country was ever unheeded. His optimism was inspiring, his graciousness was ever manifest, beloved, honored and respected by all. Truly, in the passing of Dennis Pollard, the state, the county and the race have suffered an irreparable loss. Yea, the race has lost one of her best and noblest sons and representatives. Not until we shall be further removed from this hour of sadness and tense grief and the stern realities of life shall be thrust before us as we make our onward march through life's checked scenes and dreary valleys and then O, then, will we be clearly able to truly comprehend the great loss of this noble man to his country, his family and the race. It was my great pleasure to have been well acquainted with the above character and intimately associated with him for a number of years in fact I have known him practically all of my life. A number of years ago I taught school in his community for several terms and lived in his home, which gave me a splendid opportunity to know something about this great man. I considered him one of nature's noblemen and he was a most dear and intimate friend and brother. He was one of the very few friends I had in life that I could confide and trust. His friendship, his counsel, his advice to me have always proved wholesome. It

seems to me in his death I have sustained a personal loss, like the family and other dear relatives. I can hardly realize that I am to see him no more on this mundane shore and enjoy his sweet communion. My grief and sorrow are too deep to be expressed by mere words. This noble man in many respects stood alone in a class by himself. He was of a unique character and I doubt very much that his life will ever be met again in this present generation. He was a few years past 60 but not an old man and he ranked among the wealthiest men of Fannin County regardless of race. He owned 1400 acres of farming land besides other real estate. He also owned plenty of the finest live stock of every description and numerous other valuable assets. Just before his death he had recently erected a most beautiful mansion for the comfort and happiness of his dear loving wife and children whom he had ever so devotedly cared and served through life. He was especially devoted and interested in the educational welfare of his children and gave to each of them educational advantages which were happily sought and improved by them. Dennis Pollard was worth possibly between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00 at his death. His death came almost unexpected which was a great shock not only to his family but to the community and his friends at large, especially as the doctors had dismissed his case and he apparently seemed to be doing so well and even told his family that he would be alright in a few days, but this was not to be.

All that skill and loving care and attention could bestow was given to relieve his sufferings and preserve his noble life. His devoted wife, children and others who loved him were ceaseless in attendance and care but his work on earth had been finished. He met the fate that must come to us all soon or late with a bravery and resignation inspired by faith on the morning of Jan. 16th at 12:15. He departed and gentle spirit of Dennis Pollard took his triumphant flight from this frail tenement of clay to enter that region of eternal bliss, where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

"Sleep on dear Pollard," I wish a dear loving host of friends bowed by the grace of God to meet you again in a fairer clime than this into those regions of unmitigated joy and happiness and where parting is no more. Sleep on dear friend, Pollard, farewell.

"Life's duty has been well done. Heaven's crown has been well won."

A sincere friend.

W. E. JOHNSON.

The following persons sent beautiful floral offerings, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burnett and daughter, Paris, Texas; Mrs. Pollie and Mrs. V. A. Johnson, Bonham, Texas; Miss Fannie M. Taylor, Honey Grove, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holtkamp, Dallas, Texas; Messrs. E. G. Burroughs and L. L. Graves, (white); A. E. Swain and C. H. Weidner, (white), Ladonia, Texas; officers and employees of First National Bank, Ladonia, Texas.

134 N. Church St., Paris, Texas, Jan. 18, 1919. Mrs. T. E. Y. Pollard and Children.

Dear friends: It was with regret that we received the sad news of the death of your husband and father, Mr. D. P. Pollard. We realize that you have sustained a great loss in his death, but as it is written, "The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." We are in deepest sympathy with you all in your bereavement, and pray that the Lord may aid you in bearing this great burden. The citizens of Fannin County, white and colored have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Pollard. He was a pioneer of Afro-American industry, thrift and economy demonstrating the intrinsic value of the colored man as an asset to any community. His counsel and advice will be sensibly missed among the citizenry of Fannin county and adjoining counties. He was a man whose example should be an incentive to young men, who may enjoy superior advantages in beginning life from the depths of poverty to the heights of substantial citizenship. With loving sympathy.

Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Hampton Children.

In Honor of the Late Brother D. P. Pollard, Who Departed This Life Jan. 16, 1919.

We, the members of crown of Pride No. 90, T. L. S. of Texas, do hereby present the following resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty in his almighty providence to take our beloved and esteemed brother, father, husband, friend, citizen and soldier of Christ.

Resolved that we bow in humble submission to God, realizing that our loss is heaven's gain and yet one day we shall join him, where parting will be no more.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that we consider that our school has lost a faithful and helpful trustee, the family a loving and devoted husband and father, the community a loyal citizen and the race, a grand and noble character.

Further more, be it Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the records of the institution, a copy be printed in the Helping Hand and a copy be presented to the family of this our friend and brother. And that we commend to the grief stricken family the Heavenly Father, the giver of eternal life and comfort of the bereaved, who will one day wipe away every tear, bind up every wound, and take us unto himself, where all will be well forever. Known.

Crown of Pride No. 90, Jas. I. Gilmore, Pres.

It is with deepest sympathy, that Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burnett write to you, realizing that the profoundest must be the sorrow when he is taken away, who for so many years, has been the comfort pride and joy of your life. Still, a few days more and we trust we will all be united to friends and relatives who have been mercifully, no doubt, taken

away from us, who mourn here below. We further pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost.

Jan. 16th, 1919.

Wolfe City, Texas, Jan. 16, 1919. Mrs. T. E. Y. Pollard and family, Wolfe City, Texas.

Dear friends:—Words are indeed weak conveyance of sympathy, but we must do our best to let you know how we feel for you in this hour of your bereavement.

How much we would like to come to you in person, but Mr. Weston is sick in bed.

You have our prayers. To tell you not to grieve for one to you so dear would seem inhuman, but we do call your remembrance to the fact that the Lord has been good and kind in lending to you this friend who has been father, husband and friend. With the poet may be said:

"His hand with earthly work are done,

His feet are done with roving;

We bring him now to thee and ask,

"The loved to take the loving."

One more star to light your path to heaven has been placed in your sky. Lean on the arm of the Christ and all will yet be well.

Your friends,

S. W. and W. B. Weston.

Resolutions From Protection Lodge No. 126.

Ladonia, Texas, Jan. 16, 1919.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God, the maker of mortal man to take from our midst our friend and brother in the person of Mr. D. P. Pollard.

Be it Resolved from the life and activity that he has lived among us.

This community as well as the K. of P. lodge have lost a great friend.

Be it further Resolved that we, the members of Protection lodge, bow our heads to Him that doeth all things well.

Extending our heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends, feeling that our loss is heaven's gain.

Be it further Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be handed to the family and a copy be spread upon the minutes of Protection lodge.

Sleep on dear brother, we shall see you again when the mist shall stand upon the banks of sweet deliverance to be parted no more.

F. I. S. College.

January 17, 1919.

Whereas in His all wise providence God has seen fit to remove from our midst our fellow citizen and co-laborer, Mr. D. P. Pollard, one whose long and active life has been so closely interwoven with the interest and prosperity of this community.

Whereas not only the community in general but the F. I. S. College in particular has lost a friend who has been identified with it as trustee during its entire existence.

Resolved that while we now in humble submission to the divine will, yet we deeply deplore his loss which will be most sorely felt among us.

Resolved that the community has lost a shining light, one who ever placed before his family and fellow citizens the principles of industry and integrity that the F. I. S. College has lost a friend whose help and counsel will be greatly missed and the race a noble example that has through difficulty wrought success.

Resolved as a token of respect and esteem for one who was a strong sympathizer for the cause of education and especially for our F. I. S. College that the school suspend for one day its exercises.

Resolved that we, the faculty and students of F. I. S. College extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and commend them to God who alone is able in comfort and sustain in the hour of death.

Be it further Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the school, a copy be sent to the Helping Hand, and one to the family of the deceased.

Faculty and Students of F. I. S. College.

M. J. Johnson, Principal.

Mrs. S. W. Weston, Sec'y.

GROESBECK.

Groesbeck, Texas, Feb. 6.—On account of inclement weather services at the Methodist and Primitive Baptist churches were poorly attended.

Rev. Moses Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, preached a noble sermon at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Palms also preached Sunday.

On account of influenza our teachers have to extend school to Saturday.

Mrs. White has been out for two weeks.

Mrs. Mable Gables has been teaching in Mrs. White's place.

Wednes is up again at the barber shop.

Miss Della Jackson is up after two weeks' illness.

Mrs. Bessie Baker has charge of the Williams' cafe while Mrs. Estella Williams is spending a few weeks in Austin.

H. Jack is reported doing nicely.

The Groesbeck colored people are contemplating organizing a business league soon.

Mr. Ernest Mack says every Negro should read the Dallas Express or some other Negro paper.

PYTHIANS OFFER INCITEMENTS TO SOLDIERS.

Waco, Texas, Feb. 1, 1919.

The war is now over and now thousands of our young men are coming from the Training Camps as well as from France trained soldiers and thoroughly equipped in military science.

They are coming as first-class privates, corporals, sergeants, lieutenants, captains, majors, etc.

The Knights of Pythias being a Military Institution has planned to take advantage of the training of these thousands of young men and induce them to join our Order so we might draft them into our Uniform Rank which is the most splendid Military Institution in this country.

As an inducement to get these young men into the Order, the Grand Chancellor will grant to each Lodge a Disposition for \$300 which will not only permit the lodge to initiate new members and to re-initiate old ones for \$2.00 until June 1st, but which also will permit the lodge to initiate all young men who have been in the camps or in the army for the small sum of \$1.25 per member.

WHARTON.

Wharton, Texas, Feb. 6.—A long time before the hour arrived the St. James church was filled to the utmost waiting to hear the lecture of Lieutenant C. C. Taylor. The reporter was ushered up near the front where he could hear this address and he did hear it. We all confess that this young man is doing much good to our race in these well composed talks. The subject of his address was "The Negro and the War." After telling the various camps which he went through and giving the famous 92nd division the praises and how they parted to brave the turbulent billows of the Atlantic to fight for democracy and there did do or quit themselves like men.

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of Beggs motored to our city Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Martin was called to Oklahoma, last week on account of the serious illness of his mother. Miss Cleopatra Watson stopped over in our city last Monday night. She was en route to Tullahoma to teach at Flipper-Key-Davis university. Private Charley Johnson of Camp Dodge, I., spent a few days at home on a furlough last week.

Lieut. Harry Gibson has been honorably discharged and is now at home.

Miss Fletcher M. Nance, who has been on the sick list the past four or five weeks is now much improved and will soon resume her work as teacher at Flipper-Key-Davis university.

Mr. A. M. DeLoyle spent the week end in Muskogee visiting his mother and sisters.

Rev. J. N. B. Walls, pastor of the A. M. E. church, left Tuesday for Coweta, to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nichols. Mr. G. W. Johnson arrived in our city from Kansas City.

Rev. T. M. Gatewood, presiding elder of Tulsa District of the C. M. E. church will hold his first quarterly meeting here at the C. M. E. church Sunday.

Rev. S. S. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church, was the honored guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Martin at dinner Sunday.

Miss Ida M. Anderson was at home this week.

The mixed double quartet of Dunbar high school assisted by Miss Reid and Mr. Barbour gave a splendid concert at the Zion Baptist church for the benefit of the Widow's fund of that church.

Mr. Henson and Mr. Barbour made a flying trip to Henrietta, Okla., on business Saturday. The Hon. Mr. Smithman, editor of the Tulsa Star was in Dallas on business Saturday. The colored people of Oklahoma should boycott the Yale theater after such treatment as they received at the hands of the officers last week.

C. D. Foster is proprietor of the First Grocery on E. 5th street, assisted by Serat, M. E. Sanders. They wish to thank the public for patronage given. Serat, Allenton Johnson, Camp barber from Camp Dodge is now employed at the Eureka barber shop. Their motto is service first. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have opened a first-class hotel on corner of 5th and Delaware. Mr. J. C. Caldwell of N. Porter, departed Saturday for Stamford, Texas.

Dr. A. G. Wallace is expecting a twelve thousand dollar theatre, one of the best equipped play houses in the state. We pledge him our support.

Demonstrator, Wm. A. Hill, P. M. Mann of the Boys' Agriculture club work and Miss Smith, Home Demonstrator agent were traveling the country last week.

Rev. J. M. Flemming, District Missionary was at Sunday School Baptist church Sunday. He spoke from the 6th chapter of Leviticus and 13th verse, subject, "Keep the Fire Burning."

HENDERSON.

Henderson, Texas, Feb. 6.—Prof. T. M. Betts, law student and lecturer whose headquarters are now at Texarkana, appeared Jan. 28 at Mother Zion Baptist church Baptist church before a large audience. He appeared firmly to his race to stand up as men; he left next morning for other points. Dr. P. W. Wesley spent the week in the city doing racial work. Mrs. Bettie Moore has spent more than one year in this city, left Jan. 28 for Palestine, her old home. Mrs. Ada Hays of Kansas City, Mo., was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Lula Muckelroy, at present she is improved.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander returned Sunday to attend the bedside of Miss Mary Lee. Miss Emma Durkee is spending a week in the with Sister, Mrs. M. Hicks and other relatives. The local reporter enjoyed another delightful occasion on last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Myers, in company with Messrs. L. M. Jenkins, M. Hicks and Miss Emma Durkee.

We gathered around a table well loaded.

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